

# WAR TO THE RAZOR UPON ALL WHISKERS, FROM INVERTED EYEBROWS TO FACE MATS

Jersey Leads Campaign to Abolish Facial Landscape Gardens.

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Exhibits by Dan Sayre Groesbeck.

PERHAPS no greater evidence can be found of the sure and rapid growth of the esthetic sense of the American people than the present revolt against whiskers. Originating in Upper Montclair, N. J., a suburb of New York, inhabited by partisans whose feeling for the beautiful is equalled only by their Spartan readiness to die, it need be, for the right, the revolt has run like wild-fire over the land, leaping lightly across the Atlantic, and spread with marvelous rapidity throughout hirsutest England.

Mr. Cornish, a Democratic Assemblyman from Essex county, is the embattled hero who fired the shot that is heard around the world—at least the civilized world. He introduced in the New Jersey Legislature, on April 1, a bill to tax whiskers. There was some



DON WHISKERANDO TRYING TO ESCAPE FATE.

Mr. Cornish thought that an equitable schedule would be about as follows: Common or garden whiskers, \$5 a year. Mutton chops, or Senatorial side fuzz, \$10.

Square chin and side pattern, \$50. Red (of any design whatsoever), 20 per cent extra.

Here we find the germ of a great idea which, as these lines are written, is being developed, and elaborated in committee. The following ratings have been added to the whiskeriferous schedule:

Dundreary, or lambrequin style, \$8. Ministerial sideboards, \$10. Imperials, paint brushes or ordinary camel-hair pencils, \$20. Geometrical retousse dusters, \$50.

Passion for Hairy Faces.

A secret canvass of the Legislature reveals the fact that the members of both houses are eager to tax the capillary microbe carriers, but they fear reprisals. It is reported that even now groups of sturdy, burly men are gathering in the mountain fastnesses of Musconetcong, Peapack, Watersburg, and Pompton, resolved to take hideous revenge. The pen trembles to write of the ingenious and horrible tortures they purpose to inflict. Pale scouts bring in word that these vandals have bound

lawn mowers, to disarm the haughty foe.

Why Not Single Whiskers?

Enthusiasts for hygiene no less than lovers of the beautiful will be gladdened to hear that the good work is nobly advancing in England. That eminent capillary connoisseur, Frank Richardson, called Frank Whiskerson by Punch, because he is the greatest living English authority on whiskers, is doing all he can to help the taxation plan.

"It is the best thing in the world," he

pounds, whereas a walrus should not be allowed in the street until the man behind it had paid \$20 to the government."

But much remains to be done. The New Jersey legislators may still find certain species of the crafty whiskeriferous escaping just taxation because of a discrepancy between the State's schedule and their particular sort of whisker parterres. To aid in the capture of such evaders, these amendments to the whisker tariff are submitted:

Barbrows, plain or curly, \$30. Hackensack tufts, \$125.

These latter are the sprouts spoken of by the poet Tony Pastor in his exquisite rondeau whose refrain runs:

"And he went back to the town of Hackensack With a little bunch of whiskers on his chin."

Hackensack Tuft.

For the benefit of dwellers out of Jersey, let it be noted that the Hackensack tuft is shaped like a thick clove, and thrusts boldly downward and forward from the end of the chin. The reason for taxing it so high is that it intrudes itself into all conversations, and makes a noise like Pop-bop-bop-bop whenever the wearer talks, or chortles. To resume the list:

Spinnakers, whether straight or curly, \$75.

Galway sluggers, except red ones, \$40. County Antrim life-buoys, \$35. Hohegeborn Kaiserliches schnurrbartbinden, \$100.

Mormon elders' face mats (with shaven upper lip), \$500. Oriental bunches, \$30.



Imperials, or Paint Brushes.



The Walrus.

sharp debate, during which cowardly attacks were made upon the measure by low-minded persons ambushed behind No. 1 Red Winter whiskers; but at last right prevailed, and Speaker Elvins referred the bill to the committee on fish and game.

Of course it was necessary to emphasize the utilitarian as well as the esthetic side of the project. Mr. Cornish showed: (1) the tax on whiskers will go far toward paying off the State debt; (2) the discarding and suppression of whiskers by tax-dodgers will give employment to 3,000 New Jersey barbers, and make life happier for the 12,000 wives and children who look to them for bread. He also reported the deplorable fact that in northern and central New Jersey there is a growing tendency to cultivate whiskers.

Whiskers Save Neckties.

"I made," he said, "many inquiries and collected much valuable data. Many whom I questioned were coarse and vulgar men, whose language to me when I politely asked the reason they wore whiskers is not fit to repeat. The majority said that they wore beards as a matter of economy, to save both barbers' fees and the cost of neckties."

themselves by oath to weave their whiskers into lariats, and therewith to rope and hang all legislators who vote for the tax. The barbarians were ever a cruel folk.

No matter. If worse comes to worst, the Loyal League of Defenders of the Face will afford a refuge for the harried legislators. A picked corps of computer warriors from the Upper Montclair Democratic Club has promised to go to the aid of the whisker-taxers at Trenton, and, armed with rapid-fire

said, in a recent interview. "The idea is splendid. It ought to be introduced in England at the earliest opportunity, but the taxes are not heavy enough. They should amount to £20 per whisker. I've never seen a man wearing a single whisker, but I don't see why it should not be done, just as a single eye-glass is worn. If men insist upon going about as if they were biots on the landscape I don't see why they should not pay a high price for the privilege. Of course, the tax would be difficult to collect, and the only way out of the trouble would be to make people take out whisker licenses, just as they take out dog licenses. Police constables should be empowered to stop any man they saw between whiskers and call upon him to produce his license."

Face Furnishings List.

Mr. Richardson supplied the first official list of known face furnishings. It is as follows: Whiskers, ear guards, face fins, weathercocks, face fungus, holdalls, hearth rugs, cutlets, paint brushes, and the whisker, mustaches, the inverted eyebrows and the walrus. He said:

"There is no reason why mustaches should not be taxed also. A modified mustache like an inverted eyebrow, such as I wear myself, might retail at a



Hackensack Tufts.

Black, brown or golden throat latches, \$5.

Upholstery on points of jaws, \$25. Scots-wha-hae red banners, \$100.

Fines Ranging From \$5 to \$1,000 for Hughesians.

Gubernatorial inviolated breeze-invited, \$1,000.

Birds' nesting grounds—penalty, condemnation. This may look rather savage, but the punishment doesn't half cover the crime. It is designed to prevent the propagation of the dark, noxious, unbarbered, deep-tangled wildwood whiskerage to which Edward Lear so pointedly drew attention in this wise:

"There was an old man with a beard Who said, 'It is just as I feared. An owl and a hen, two larks and a wren. Have all made their nests in my beard.'"

Barbicular Economy.

Prudent barbicular economists will work harder than Dingley-tariff schedule makers and find still other taxable capillary forms. For example, there are the chinchillas, mud guards, farmers' tangled wildwood whiskerage to which Edward Lear so pointedly drew attention in this wise:

"There was an old man with a beard Who said, 'It is just as I feared. An owl and a hen, two larks and a wren. Have all made their nests in my beard.'"



Upholstery on points of jaws.

other industrious persons who must needs conceal their identity. The owners and trainers of whiskers may fight the tax as sumptuary and unconstitutional, but they cannot prevail. For, as Paracelsus, or some other fellow, very truly said:

"Whiskers have no friends."

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JUVENILE PERFORMERS AT THE NEW NATIONAL

Miss Cori B. Shreve and her juvenile performers will appear at the New National Theater in their annual performance on May 12, 14, and 15, at 8 p. m., being seen in "The Little Princess, or the Realm of Fairyland."

## Tuberculosis Prevention Aim of Great Gathering

Third Annual Session of Association for Quelling the White Scourge Convenes in Washington Tomorrow.

There will be a notable gathering in Washington tomorrow of physicians, surgeons, specialists, and scientists who have made a special study of tuberculosis and the modern methods of treating the scourge in the tenements of the great cities. The occasion is the third annual session of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The deliberations of the body will be held in the main assembly room of the New Willard Hotel. It will be in session for three days.

The committee having in charge the arrangements for the meeting of the association is made up of Homer Polks, New York; John H. Lowman, Cleveland; Dr. Norman E. de la, Los Angeles; Dr. Dunning S. Wilson, Louisville; Alfred Muller, Denver; with the chairman and secretary, William H. Baldwin, of Washington, and Dr. Livingston Farrand, of New York, members ex-officio.

The personnel of the local committee is Dr. George M. Kober, chairman; Dr. D. Percy Hickling, Gen. P. M. Rixey, Gen. George M. Sternberg, Dr. William C. Woodward, and Gen. Walter Wyman.

Address by Dr. Biggs.

There will be a general meeting of the association at 11:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, with an address by Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, chief medical officer of the New York city health department, followed by a report by Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, vice president of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, to be held in this city the last two weeks of September and the first two weeks of October, 1908. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon those of the association who have been appointed to study tuberculosis in children will meet, and at 4 o'clock the sociological section meets.

At 8 o'clock in the evening there will be a general meeting of the association, to listen to a paper by President Biggs, on "Compulsory Notification and Registration of Tuberculosis," followed by discussions in which the heads of the health departments of the great cities of the country will participate. This will close the first day's session.

Tuesday there will be meetings of several of the sections, including the surgical, pathological, and bacteriological, and sociological.

Reception by President.

At 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon President Roosevelt, one of the honorary vice presidents of the association, will receive the members of this association at the White House, and also the members of the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, which will be in annual session here at that time.

Another general meeting of the body

will be held at 8 o'clock, with an address by Dr. Livingston Farrand, executive secretary of the association, having for his topic, "The Campaign Against Tuberculosis in the United States."

Reading of reports, the general business of the association, and meetings of sections will consume the time of Wednesday. The meeting is expected to bring together several hundred of the most prominent men in the medical profession in this country, including a number of heads of boards of health, medical schools, and others.

The officers of the association are: President, Dr. Hermann M. Biggs; honorary vice presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, Grover Cleveland, Dr. William Osler; vice presidents, Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, Dr. Vincent Y. Bowditch; treasurer, Gen. George M. Sternberg; secretary, Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs; executive secretary, Dr. Livingston Farrand.

FOUR MR. BROWNS, EACH IS W. W.

A few facetious guests at the Hotel Dewey have suggested that the name of the tavern ought to be changed to "The Brownies' Home."

This for the reason that so many residents of the hotel are named Brown. First of all, the landlord's name is Myron O. Brown, and his son, the manager, is W. W. Brown. One of the distinguished guests is W. W. Brown, Auditor of the Treasury for the Navy Department. His initials being the same as those of the manager, there is a frequent mix-up in the mail and queries of visitors. To make matters worse, the head waiter's name is Brown, and his initials are W. W. Another employee has the same name and the same initials, while this week J. D. Brown and wife, of Athens, came to the hotel for a considerable stay.

When called comes in and asks Jesse Russell, the clerk, "Is Mr. Brown in?" Jesse has the stereotyped question for reply:

"Which Mr. Brown? We have a few of them here."

"The caller replies: 'W. W. Brown.' 'Which W. W. Brown?' answers the smiling Jesse. 'We have four W. W. Browns in the house just now.'"

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